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REMARKS

Claims 1 - 8, 11 - 41 and 43 - 44 have now been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the cancelled claims.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 9 - 10, 42 and 45 - 50 are allowed.

Applicants submit that this amendment, which cancels the appealed claims, is the equivalent to a withdrawal of the Appeal (see MPEP 1215.02), and that this application should be passed to issue forthwith (See MPEP 1215.04).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request early issuance of the allowed claims 9 - 10, 42 and 45 - 50.